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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Hammond et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/543,188 EXAMINER: Zachariah Lucas
FILING DATE: September 10, 1998 ART UNIT: 1648
TITLE: PRION-BINDING LIGANDS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

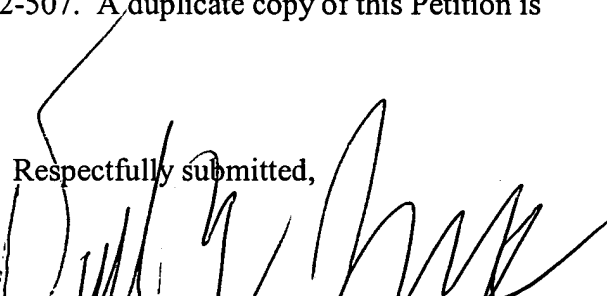
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the April 9, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before July 9, 2002. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18242-507. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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